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### CASTING LOTS.

#### A Curious Military Custom That Was Once in Vogue in Europe.

In the armies of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries the custom of casting lots to decide what soldiers should be punished for the offenses of all was common. At Winchester, England, in 1645, complaint was made that after the surrender there had been unfair plundering. Six soldiers were tried and found guilty, and it was decided by lot which one of the six should be hanged. At Tangier in 1683, and again in 1685, two soldiers had to cast dice on a drumhead, and he who threw the least was executed. Thomas May's translation of Barclay's "Icon Animorum" gives a curious story of this sort. Speaking of English courage, he says that during the war in the Netherlands some soldiers of the Spanish party were taken prisoners by the Dutch, who decided to make reprisals for the previous cruelty of their enemies. Out of four and twenty men eight were to be hanged. "There were lots, therefore, thrown into a helmet," says May, "and the prisoners were commanded to draw their fortunes—whichever should draw a blank was to escape, but whoever should draw a black lot was to be hanged presently.

"They were all," says May, "possessed with a great apprehension of their present danger, especially one Spaniard. Their pitiful wishes and tears in some of the standers by did move pity, in others laughter. There was besides in that danger an Englishman, a common soldier, who, with a careless countenance, expressing no fear of death at all, came boldly to the helmet and drew his lot. Chance favored him; it was a safe lot. Being free himself from danger he came to the Spaniard, who was yet timorous and trembling to put his hand into the fatal helmet, and receiving from him 10 crowns he entreated the judges—oh, horrid audacity—that, dismissing the Spaniard, they would suffer him again to try his fortune."

May further relates that "the judges consented to the madman's request, who valued his life at so low a rate, and he again drew a safe lot." May seems rather to regret the second escape of the foolhardy Englishman, whom he denounces as "a wretch unworthy not only of that double, but even of a single preservation, who so basely had undervalued his life."

### Window Dressing as a Fine Art.

In one important department, unmolested by public criticism, the advertisers have even now established tastefulness as the underlying essential principle of their competition. This is in window dressing, a vital part of advertising. The beautiful, not the bizarre; the attractive rather than the startling; the alluring and interesting are now sought in the window effects of every shop, from the great department store to the little candy kitchen; from the basement lights of a modest florist to the long plate glass front of a shoe emporium. Salaries of several thousand dollars a year are paid in cities to the "artists" most skilled in window dressing, and their requisitions for plants or ribbons—totally irrelevant as these may be to the stock on sale—had designed merely to add to the beauty of the window picture—are honored ungrudgingly. In effect the merchant says, "Give me a beautiful window that people will stop and look at, and that yet shall indicate generally the sort of goods I handle, and I do not care what it costs." Charles M. Robinson in Atlantic.

### Ice In India.

Dr. Wells, a London physician, in 1818, in his published essay on dew, was the first to draw attention to the curious artificial production of ice in India. Shallow pits are dug, which are partially filled with perfectly dry straw. On the straw broad, flat pans containing water are exposed to the clear sky. The water, being a powerful radiant, sends off its heat abundantly into space. The heat thus lost cannot be replaced from the earth, for this source is excluded by the straw. Before sunrise a cake of ice is formed in each vessel. To produce this ice in quantities clear nights are advantageous, and particularly those on which practically no dew falls. Should the straw get wet it becomes more matted and compact and consequently a better conductor of heat, for the vapor then acts as a screen over the pans, checks the cold and retards freezing.

### Birds Are Mathematicians.

The English naturalist, Morris Gibbs, devoted years of study to birds' nests, their formation and their contents, and asserts that birds lay their eggs in accordance with geometrical lines, so that every inch of space is used to the greatest possible advantage. Birds which lay many eggs arrange them in circles, the pointed ends turned to the inside. Others, whose eggs are elliptically shaped, place them in longitudinal rows. If an egg is moved out of its original position by an intruder, it will be found on the following morning that the bird has returned it to its first position. Among the numerous and often difficult cases which Gibbs made a matter of study, not one was found which would not do credit to a mathematician.

### Cromwell and the Specter.

The stories of the "White Lady" that periodically visits the German royal family and of the "Little Red Man" that frequently paid his respects to the great Napoleon are tolerably well known, especially that of the former. But few, perhaps, are familiar with the story of Cromwell's "Giant Specter." It appeared to him one night when he was wide awake and quietly resting on his couch. In appearance the apparition was a woman of gigantic proportions. Approaching him she announced in tones like thunder, "Within the year you, my son, will be recognized as the greatest man in Britain."

### Creation of a Knight.

The ceremonies at the creation of a knight have been various; the principal were a box on the ear and a stroke with a sword on the shoulder. John of Salisbury tells us the blow with the naked fist was in use among the ancient Normans; by this it was that William the Conqueror conferred the honor of knighthood on his son Henry. It was afterward changed into a blow with the flat of the sword on the shoulder of the knight.

### Not That Kind.

"What did you think of Philadelphia?" "I never was more imposed on in my life," answered Colonel Stillwell of Kentucky. "They told me Philadelphia was famous for its mint, and all they showed me was a place where they make money."—Washington Star.

### Funny.

Boroughs—Mr. Merchant's out, you say? Why, he had an appointment with me here. That's very funny. New Office Boy—Yes, sir; I guess he thought it was too. Anyways, he was hughin' when he went out.

### Too Much For Him.

"Oh, zees langlage!" complained the distinguished foreigner. "Your wife is upstairs when I come in and you call to beam: 'Monsieur d'Esprit have arrive. Hurry up and come down.'"—Chicago Record-Herald.

### Takes Longer.

Husband—How is it that women's club of yours keeps you out so much later than it used to? Wife—Oh, we've made a new rule that only one member can speak at a time.

### WAIT FOR AN APPETITE.

#### You Should Never Eat Simply For the Sake of Eating.

A prolific cause of chronic indigestion is eating from habit and simply because it is mealtime and others are eating. To eat when not hungry is to eat without relish, and food taken without relish is worse than wasted. Without relish the salivary glands do not act, the gastric fluids are not freely secreted, and the best of foods will not be digested. Many perfectly harmless dishes are severely condemned for no other reason than they were eaten perfunctorily and without relish and due assimilation.

Hunger makes the plainest foods enjoyable. It causes vigorous secretion and outpouring of all the digestive fluids, the sources of ptyalin, pepsin, trypsin, etc., without a plentiful supply of which no foods can be perfectly digested. Wait for an appetite, if it takes a week. Fasting is one of the saving graces. It has a spiritual significance only through its great physical and physiologic importance. If breakfast is a bore or lunch a matter of indifference, cut one or both of them out. Wait for distance and unmistakable hunger and then eat slowly. If you do this you need ask few questions as to the propriety and digestibility of what you eat, and it need not be pre-digested.—Exchange.

### THE PENGUIN.

#### It Is Awkward on Land and a Gymnast in the Water.

A kind of penguin, the adelle, is a laugh provoking bird. Adelles are most inquisitive and at times are in such a hurry to follow up a clue that they will scramble along the ice on the belly, pushing with their legs and using their flippers alternately like the paddle of a canoe. They get over the ground at an astonishing rate, and it is hard work to overtake a penguin when it takes to this means of locomotion, especially when it doubles. In the water the penguin is perfectly at home, diving and steepchasing in grand style. It can jump clean out of the water and pop down on the ice exactly like some one coming up through a trapdoor on the stage and dropping on his feet. The penguins collect in enormous numbers and are sometimes seen marching about like a regiment of soldiers in Indian file, all acting in unison.

A much larger penguin, the emperor, weighs sixty or seventy pounds and stands well over three feet high. It possesses the most extraordinary muscular powers in its flippers. When presented with the end of the skee stick the emperor gives it such a smack that one's hands tingle. At the same time it utters an angry guttural exclamation.

### SHEEP IN INDIA.

#### They Are the Favorite Beasts of Burden in Mountainous Regions.

In Tibet and among the mountainous part of India sheep are employed as carriers. The mountain sheep of these districts, true to its nature, is remarkably sure footed and can carry loads of twenty-five pounds, or even more, over steep crags and precipitous paths where hardly any other animal could find a footing.

In the inner ranges of the Himalayas the yak cow and the hardy mountain sheep are the favorite beasts of burden. Sheep withstand the intense cold of the higher parts of Tibet much more easily than the yak and can better face the stony roads.

Sheep carrying from seventeen to twenty-five pounds of baggage and living entirely on the scanty grass found growing by the way accompanied Nain Singh, the famous Indian explorer, on a journey of more than a thousand miles. It is very common in the Himalayas to load sheep, high up in the mountains, with borax and then to drive them down to the plains, where they are shorn of their wool and return laden with grain or salt.

### Money Thrown Away.

"So that city doctor helped ye right smart, did he, Silas?" asked Mrs. Gies on her husband's return from a week's visit to a specialist in a neighboring town.

"Well, I guess he did! I'm feeling fine as a fiddle now, an' he says I won't likely have any return of it if I just keep ter what he tells me."

"What did he say was the matter with ye?" inquired the wife eagerly.

"I forgot now what he called it, but—"

"Silas," she cried, "ye don't really mean ter say ye paid out all that money an' didn't git no good of it after all!"—Exchange.

### Modest Abbe Delle.

It is said that the French Abbe Delle once had in his household a very quick tempered relative, with whom he sometimes had animated disputes and who sometimes went so far as to throw books at the abbe. The abbe must have been a person of great amiability and self control. Once, when a particularly large and heavy volume was thrown at him, he caught it gracefully and said: "My dear friend, I must beg of you to remember that I prefer smaller gifts."

### When an Iceberg Turns Turtle.

Think of sections bigger than Rhode Island being torn from a glacier and swept off into the ocean, to be ferried 3,000 miles on the bosom of the Labrador current until the heated waters of the gulf stream cause them to vanish from human ken. Then can one form some idea of the immensity of the ice area discharged from the Greenland seas each year. Thousands of miles of valley are constantly emptying their contents into the bays and floods of the north waters, whence the tides hurry the detachments southward to cumber the wide Atlantic.

The disposition of icebergs to turn turtle is one of their most dangerous propensities. It arises from several causes. When they start out from Greenland their bottoms are heavy with the detritus gathered in their glacial period, and this drops off at intervals as they move south, causing their center of gravity to change and the berg to assume new positions. The scientific theory of the formation of the vast submarine plateaus which extend from Labrador to Fundy, and are commonly known as the Grand banks of Newfoundland, is that they are the products of bergs during countless ages.—Leslie's Magazine.

### Cannibalistic Scorpions.

During many years of scorpion hunting I never remembered to have seen two individuals living together in amity, and even their more tender relations are tainted at times with the unamiable habit of cannibalism. The males are decidedly smaller than their mates, whom they approach accordingly with the utmost caution. If the fair innamorata doesn't like the looks of her advancing suitor she settles the question offhand by making a murderous spring at him, catching him in her claws, stinging him to death and making a hearty meal off him. This is scarcely loverlike. On the other hand, if a dubious wife, the female scorpion is a devoted mother. She hatches her eggs in her own oviduct, brings forth her young alive—unlike her relations, the spiders—and carries them about on her back, to the number of fifty, during their innocent childhood, till they are of an age to shift for themselves in the struggle for existence.—Cornhill Magazine.

### First Person Cremated in America.

The first white person lawfully cremated within the present limits of the United States, according to wishes and desires expressed by himself, was Colonel Henry Laurens, one of the Revolutionary patriots. He was born in Charleston, S. C., in the year 1724, and died on his plantation near that place on Dec. 8, 1792. His will, which he had requested them to open and read the next day after his death, was supplemented with the following: "I solemnly enjoin it upon my son, as an indispensable duty, that, as soon as he conveniently can after my decease, he cause my body to be wrapped in twelve yards of towcloth and burned until it be entirely consumed." The request was carried out to the letter and was the beginning of cremation in America.

### English Characteristics.

The Englishman is less social than men of any other nationality; I mean he is less conscious of the ties which bind humanity together, his moral formation owes little to his relations with other men, he scarcely troubles himself about what they think, and if he ever considers the matter at all it makes no difference in his sentiments and actions. In short, the Englishman is to a certain extent a recluse; he is more aloof from the world in which he lives and the neighbors whom he elbows than the men of any other nationality.—Boutmy's "The English People."

### Spanish Etiquette.

There is a curious story of how the Duke d'Aosta, when king of Spain, told a muleteer to whom he was talking to cover himself, the sun being hot, forgetting that by so doing he made him a grandee. Marshal Prim, to prevent this catastrophe, knocked the man's hat out of his hand, and according to some the muleteer had something to do with the assassination that followed a few days afterward.

### The Knobs.

Tess—What do you think of my new shoes? Quite nobby, aren't they? Jess—Yes, they are rather knobby, but I think any first class chiroplast could remove the knobs.—Philadelphia Press.

### Suspicious.

Friend—What makes you think Tom has broken his promise to keep straight? Fiancee—Well, he brings me more expensive presents than he used to.—Princeton Tiger.

### Making a Sure Thing of It.

"What in the name of Jupiter have you sewed up all the pockets of my overcoat for?" asked Mr. Wilson.

"My dear," said Mrs. Wilson, "I have an important letter to my milliner that I want you to post."

An orator or author is never successful till he has learned to make his words smaller than his ideas.—Emerson.

### MAY DAY FESTIVALS.

#### They Were Celebrated in the Time of the Ancient Romans.

For ages May day has been a time of general rejoicing. All over Christendom its advent is hailed with delight. The birds, the bees and the flowers join us in an annual celebration of the day. Nature has at last thrown off the snow quilt with which she has braved the ravages of winter and glows resplendent in buds and blossoms. The streams have broken their icy fetters and burst forth into joyous accompaniments to myriads of bird choristers. And humanity, overpowered by the same glad spirit, seeks the woods and the fields to revel in the wealth of verdure so lavishly spread out.

Among the Romans this feeling found vent in their Floralia, or flora games, which began on the 28th of April and lasted several days. We read that "nations taking more or less their origin from Rome have settled upon the 1st of May as the special time for fetes of the same kind. With ancients and moderns alike it was an instinctive rush into the fields to revel in the bloom which was newly presented on the meadows and the trees."

The barbarous Celtic populations held a heathen festival on this day, but we are not told that it was in any way connected with flowers. It was called Beltain and was celebrated by kindling fires on the hilltops at night. Within the remembrance of many the peasantry of Ireland, the Isle of Man and of the Scottish highlands also held similar celebrations.—Table Talk.

### THE DIAMOND.

#### It Was Probably in Its Original State a Vegetable Product.

Originally the diamond was probably a vegetable product exuded from some ancient tree. Positive evidence on the subject is not forthcoming, but the concurrence of such authorities as Newton, Brewster, Jameson and Lavoisier, who trace it to a vegetable source, must, in the absence of decisive negative proof, make this hypothesis probable.

The crystalline form of the diamond is undoubtedly due to the action of heat, and the occurrence of these stones in igneous rocks and mica slate, especially at the Cape, lends color to the view that they have been metamorphosed, as has been the case with graphite.

This complete change may have been directly or indirectly due to the internal heat of the globe or may have resulted from volcanic action. Indirectly it would be accounted for by the immense heat evolved in the crumbling, fracturing and grinding together of the earth's crust in the attempt to adjust itself to the cooling and contracting interior. Directly it may have been the result of a change in the direction of the internal heat, causing a fusion of the rocks of the crust, the diamond and other crystals being formed when they again cooled.

### The Name Niagara.

"Everybody pronounces Niagara wrong," said a philologist. The accent of this beautiful Indian word should not be put on the syllable 'ag,' but on the syllable 'ar'—the penult—the one before the last. Niagara means 'hark to the thunder.' Its accent should fall on the penult because the Indians themselves accent it there, because in practically all our Indian names of places the penult is the accented syllable. Think of the Indian names you know. Don't you accent nearly all of them on the syllable before the last? There are, for instance, Toronto, Mississippi, Alleghany, Appalachicola, Narragansett, Tuscaloosa, Saratoga, Ticonderoga, Oswego, Conshohocken, Wissahickon and Hochelega. In all these names the accent is on the penult. Niagara is a Huron word, and if you can find a Huron you will find that he accents it as he does Saratoga or Tuscaloosa. Don't know how we have fallen into the habit of accenting it wrong."—Chicago Chronicle.

### A Good Recommendation.

An Irishman was charged with a petty offense.

"Have you any one in court who will vouch for your good character?" queried the judge.

"Yes, sorr; there is the chief constable yonder," answered Pat.

The chief constable was amazed. "Why, your honor, I don't even know the man," protested he.

"Now, sorr," broke in Pat, "I have lived in the borough for nearly twenty years, and if the chief constable doesn't know me yet, isn't that a character for ye?"

### A Sequence of Titles.

A German periodical states that a very strange but none the less true fact is that the predecessor of the late Queen Victoria of England was at one and the same time William I., II., III. and IV. He was William I. of Hanover, William II. of Ireland, William III. of Scotland and William IV. of England.

### Getting Scorpions.

"I guess Mr. Olden doesn't feel as young as he did several months ago," remarked the observant man.

"Why do you think so?"

"He used to joke with that undertaker who lives near him, but he doesn't

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### WOMAN.

What is woman? Only one of nature's agreeable blunders.—Bulwer.

A beautiful woman is the only tyrant man is not authorized to resist.—Victor Hugo.

Unhappy is the man to whom his own mother has not made all other mothers venerable.—Richter.

The best thing I know of is a fast rate wife, and the next best thing is a second rate one.—Josh Billings.

A beautiful woman is a practical poem, planting tenderness, hope and eloquence in all whom she approaches.—Emerson.

They govern the world, these sweet voiced women, because beauty and harmony are the index of a larger fact than wisdom.—O. W. Holmes.

A good book and a good woman are excellent things for those who know how to appreciate their value. There are men, however, who judge of both by the beauty of the covering.—Dr. Johnson.

### We Mean Well.

Heaven send that no friend with a pocketful of pebbles be tempted by the shine and glimmer of our glass houses, for indeed we meant well! Here it is—the knowledge in which imagination must take root if stone throwing is ever to go out of fashion and the world become a pleasant place to live in—namely, that most everybody else means well too. The creed of the imaginative and kindly heart which will not throw stones is brief:

There is so much good in the best of us. There is so much bad in the worst of us. That it all becomes any one of us. To talk about the rest of us unless we can do it with truth and sympathy—in other words, with imagination.—Margaret Deland in Harper's Bazar.

### British Naval Red Tape.

The British navy can produce fine samples of red tape as well as the army. Not long since an admiral took the trouble to write a long minute on the back of an ordinary routine paper submitted to him to the effect that the margin on the left hand side was fully one-eighth of an inch too narrow. We all know that genius is an infinite capacity for taking pains, but I hardly think that the genius of Blake or Nelson is likely to be exemplified in an admiral who goes over his official papers with a tape measure in order to see that the margins are the right width.—London Truth.

### Too Suggestive.

"The health officer advised me to ask every man with whom we had domestic dealings if he was careful to boil the water he used in his business."

"Yes."

"Well, I asked the milkman first. And what do you think? He got mad and wanted to lick me."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.